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1. HANS-JOACHIM KLEIN, A GERMAN FUGITIVE SOUGHT FOR THE
ATTACK ON THE OPEC CONFERENCE IN VIENNA IN 1975 HAS GIVEN
THE GERMAN WEEKLY DER SPIEGEL, AN UNDERGROUND INTERVIEW.
KLEIN, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE QUIT THE TERRORIST SCENE MADE
THE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE AUGUST 7
EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE.

2. OPEC CONFERENCE. THE ATTACK ON THE CONFERENCE WAS
THE BRANCHCHILD OF AN "ARAB PRESIDENT." WHEN ASKED IF
LIBYAN PRESIDENT QADHAFI WAS THE MAN IN QUESTION, KLEIN
REPLIED "NO COMMENT." ACCORDING TO KLEIN, THE TERRORIST
BAND'S INFORMATION ABOUT SECURITY MEASURES AT THE
CONFERENCE CAME FROM AN ARAB STATE PARTICIPATING IN THE
MEETING. INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST CARLOS, WAS THE CHIEF
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OF THE OPERATION, WHOSE AIM WAS TO ASSIST THE
PALESTINIANS. THE OIL MINISTERS WERE TO BE CAPTURED
AND RELEASED ONLY AFTER THEIR INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS
HAD ISSUED PRO-PALESTINIAN STATEMENTS. THE SAUDI
ARABIAN AND IRANIAN OIL MINISTERS WERE TO BE KILLED.
THE OPEC COMMANDO WAS TO BE TRAINED IN AN ARAB COUNTRY
BUT THIS PLAN HAD TO BE DROPPED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT

TIME.

3. CARLOS. KLEIN MAINTAINS THAT CARLOS LEFT THE WADI HADDAD TERRORIST GROUP JUST PRIOR TO ENTEBBE. ACCORDING TO KLEIN, CARLOS WAS BOUGHT-OFF BY AN ARAB COUNTRY WHICH PAID HIM TO RELEASE THE OIL MINISTERS KIDNAPPED AT THE OPEC CONFERENCE. CARLOS THEN WENT UNDERGROUND; KLEIN BELIEVES HE HAS NOT RETURNED TO THE TERRORIST SCENE. CARLOS IS SAID TO ALWAYS SPEAK ENGLISH OR ARABIC AND TO BE A POLITICAL IDEOLOG OF SOME CHARISMA. KLEIN STATES THAT CARLOS CLAIMED HE WAS MADE TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN A UNIVERSITY DEMONSTRATION. CARLOS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN PNGED AND HE HOPED TO RETURN TO MOSCOW, WHERE HE FELT HE WOULD BE PHYSICALLY SECURE. KLEIN SAID CARLOS, WHO WAS ANXIOUS TO JOIN THE GERMAN TERRORISTS, WAS NOT, AS CLAIMED BY THE PRESS, THE LEADER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST SCENE.

4. WADI HADDAD. KLEIN DESCRIBES HIM AS THE CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST SCENE AND THE MASTERMIND OF THE OPEC ATTACK AS WELL AS ENTEBBE. HADDAD IS SAID TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM "SOME ARAB COUNTRIES." HE IN TURN SUPPLIES FUNDS AND WEAPONS TO GERMAN TERRORISTS WHO ARE SAID TO BE TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON HIM AND HIS ORGANIZATION. KLEIN STATES THAT GERMAN TERRORISTS SOMETIMES RECEIVED UNCLASSIFIED

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WEAPONS BROUGHT TO EUROPE VIA THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH OF AN ARAB COUNTRY WHICH KLEIN DECLINED TO NAME. DESPITE REPORTS OF HIS DEATH, KLEIN BELIEVES HADDAD IS VERY MUCH ALIVE.

5. KLEIN SAYS THE GERMAN POLICE HAVE CONSTANTLY UNDER-ESTIMATED THE STRENGTH OF THE SO-CALLED "RED CELLS." HE ALSO STATES THAT THE JUNE 2 MOVEMENT HAD WANTED TO KIDNAP THE POPE IN APRIL 1976 AND USE HIM AS LEVERAGE TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF IMPRISONED GERMAN TERRORISTS. HADDAD, HOWEVER, IS SAID TO HAVE STOPPED THE PLAN, POINTING OUT THAT ARAB COUNTRIES COULD NOT POLITICALLY SUPPORT SUCH AN ACTION AND IT WOULD BE SUICIDE FOR HIM. MEEHAN

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